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Commissioner for Patents H. T. Nguyen P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 **Examiner Name** SON-3261 Attorney Docket Number Petition for Express Abandonment Under 37 CFR 1.138(d) to Obtain a Refund I hereby petition to expressly abandon the above-identified application to obtain a refund of any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee in the application. Please refund any search fee and excess claims fee paid in this application. X | The Director is hereby authorized to credit the fee(s) to Deposit Account No. NOTE: The provisions of 37 CFR 1.138(d) only apply to applications filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) on or after December 8, 2004. A paper requesting express abandonment of an application is not effective unless and until an appropriate USPTO official recognizes and acts on the paper. See the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), section 711.01. TO AVOID PUBLICATION, INCLUDE FORM PTO/SB/24A AND PETITION FEE WITH THIS FORM. I am the: applicant. assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96) attorney or agent of record. Attorney or agent registration number is attorney or agent acting under 37 CFR 1.34, who is authorized under 37 CFR 1.138(b) application is expressly abandoned in favor of a continuing application. gent registration number is August 25, 2009 Date Christopher M. Tobin (202) 955-3750 Typed or printed name Telephone Number Note: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.